

It seems that over the past decade or so, the FCC, who was chartered to control the airwaves, make them accessible to all individuals, and above all, regulate their use to minimize interference, has decided that for the good of the few, many must suffer. In the case of BPL, this is but another example of the FCC bowing to the big power industry to increase their profits by letting it provide Internet services at the expense of so many.

With natural disasters such as the recent hurricanes here in Florida, services such as amateur radio, are indispensable in providing safety of life communications. Although I am not an amateur radio operator, I have always admired their contributions to our communities, and to our national security. There are many documented cases where amateur radio was the only means of communication, when all others failed.

Many inventions have come and gone since Marconi and Tesla first brought our world closer together. But just because someone can communicate with sparks, smoke blankets, and the like, does not mean it has to be implemented.

I fervently urge the FCC to come to the realization that allowing a technology to exist just because it can does not justify its existence. The potential for loss of life because a radio operator cannot hear a distress communication is too great a price to pay for any company to justify the existence of a technology that prevents or interferes with any emergency communications.

Respectfully,

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